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: DEVICE TO RELIEVE THRUST LOAD IN A ROTOR-BEARING

SYSTEM USING PERMANENT MAGNETS

SUBSTITUTE SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Substitute Second Preliminary Amendment replaces the Second Preliminary Amendment filed on February 23, 2006. This Substitute Preliminary Amendment changes the paragraph numbers of the amended paragraphs from those in the published U.S. application to those in the originally filed application.

Please amend the present application without prejudice before action.

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